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CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENT.

John S. Owsley, of Lincoln county, is a candidate for Congress to represent the 8th District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Isaac Greenhalge, of Massachusetts, is dead.

ABYSSINIA, the Transvaal, Armenia and Cuba, are Spilling their best blood.

SENATOR ROEEL WEISSINGER, of Louisville, died, Monday, after a brief illness of pneumonia.

MR. BOYLE IS OF MADISON STOCK.

St. John Boyle, of Louisville, nominated by the Republican caucus for United States Senator, is a son of the late Gen. Jerry T. Boyle, of Davierville, who was a son of the distinguished Judge John Boyle of the Kentucky court of Appeals, a native of Madison county. St. John Boyle is 48 years old and was educated at Center and Yale. He was once elected Judge of the court of Appeals, according to Republican claims but was never seated. He is a good Statesman but will never go to the United States Senate.

FREE TURNPIKES.

Kentucky's Senate and House of Representatives have passed a free turnpike law, which is published in full elsewhere in to-day's CLIMAX. The Governor has signed it, or will do so. It is a lengthy law, but not difficult to understand, as every voter in Madison county ought to read it as the question will doubtless come to a vote next November.

The first step on the part of those who want free pikes will be to secure seven hundred and fifty names of voters to a petition to the County Judge asking him to order an election. This must be accompanied by sufficient money to defray expenses.

An election will be ordered by the County Judge to be held next November, to be conducted by the same officers as in the same manner as the regular election. Should a majority of the voters be in favor of free pikes, the Fiscal Court will then take charge of the matter.

It is a matter of discretion upon the part of the Fiscal Court as to how they will proceed and how far they will go. The statute says in section 5, that the Fiscal Court "may acquire by gift, lease, purchase or contract, any or all the turnpike roads, or parts of such as lie within the county, on the best terms consistent with public interests, in the discretion of said court, and may provide for the construction of new turnpike or gravel roads, when the public good demands it." This is it seen that the entire matter is in the hands of the Fiscal Court—not the county Judge—to decide as they think best, when they think best and where they think best. As an experiment the court can lease a road or a part thereof for a term of years, long or short, and manage it in any way the court thinks best, as to maintenance, to see how it will work, the cost thereof, &c. Or the court may take all the roads at once.

No plan is laid down by the statute for the management of the roads secured by the court. The court can adopt any system it pleases.

Section 12 is more exacting than other sections. Elsewhere throughout the statute of 16 sections the word **MAY** is used with reference to acts of the court, but in section 12 the law says the court **SHALL**. That it shall proceed to appoint a commission to fix a price upon any road that the directors do not wish to surrender to the county and take it just as if the directors and stockholders had no interest whatever in the road. We do not believe section 12 is constitutional. Every owner of property ought to have a voice in the price of his property. It is strange that the court should be allowed its discretion in all matters save that which is nearest an encroachment upon the constitution, and in that to be forced to proceed whether it is the courts best judgment or not. If the statute had said the court **MAY** proceed to appropriate, the cause of free turnpikes would have had more advocates.

It is disreputable with the people, whether or not they will pay each year the expense as they arise, or issue bonds payable in thirty years.

There can be no doubt that the trade and business generally of Richmond would be increased by free pikes. Whether the increased business would equal the increased taxes is a problem. Nor can there be any doubt that country stores and country business would correspondingly suffer. There is also no doubt that the people who stay at home mostly would pay for those who travel.

Here is a deep problem for the people of Madison county. Here is a chance for spending thousands of dollars. Here is a question of whether or not it is better or not than the present system. We are always for the greatest good to the greatest number of people. So far we are unable to see the greatest good to the greatest number in this proposition.

Louisville has a warehouse receipt insurance company.

Archbishop Kenrick died at St. Louis last week.

LIST OF LETTERS

Below are letters remaining uncalled for the week ending March 11th.

Adams Mr. Arm- Anderson William

stead.

Boatwright Eliza

Calvin Annie

Chamounix Wade

Dearna Miss

Glaeken E.L.

Harris & Hackett E

Harris Gill

Hutchens Miss An-

nie

Irene Mr Louis

Jones Miss Maggie

Kraan Mrs Lillie

Louise Mrs George pk

Murphy Jno

Moore Kite

Munsey Mrs Sally

Parsons T E

Powell Willis

Ross Mrs Nannie

Shippard Sallie

Temple Turner

Regis Miss Kate

Walker Nannie

When calling for above letters please

say advertised.

J. B. WILLIS,

P. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Wallacetown.

Some of our folks have been attending church at Beres for the past two weeks. J. P. Soper is having a well drilled.

Lena Watkins is on the sick list.

Wm. Watkins is going to Illinois instead of Wm. Martin as stated last week. It is said that Jim Todd also is going.

Wau Young and a young Chasten have been arrested accused of breaking open Wess Lamberts safe, a few weeks ago but Young escaped guard and is gone.

There's some talk of E. W. Baker, who moved to Beres about a month ago, coming back to Wallacetown to live.

"Hud" Leigher, of Brindie Ridge is in our neighborhood. He has nearly lost his mind he has been to the Asylum and it is thought he will be sent off again.

Rutherford.

The farmers have taken advantage of the good weather and are plowing in hills.

Reuben Agee died suddenly while at his dinner table. He was well as any man but had been complainimg for years. He leaves a long string of connections.

The boys have begun fishing but only a few are reported caught yet.

The farmers are sowing as many to acre as usual, although several still have their old crops on hand.

Small grain looks very bad in this neighborhood.

The hemp crop is about broke out and sold.

Chicken thigges seem to be numerous in this neighborhood.

Several mad dogs in the last few weeks.

Corn is selling at \$1.25 per barrel.

John Heathman is here from Missouri on a visit, after being gone 14 years

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Newby.

John Stapp went to Nicholassville Monday morning to sell his hemp crop. He realized 4¢ per pound.

Miss Alice Ellwood, of Pineville, is sending a few days with her friend Miss Belle Million.

The party given at Mr. Stapp's Friday night was well attended. All had a good time eating snow white captains.

Luther Ferrell, of Fayette, was on the ridge Saturday night. When ready to take his departure he discovered his horse was gone and at last reports have not been heard of.

T. C. Adams, the handsome, (?) editor of the Pantry, and his brother, of Fayette, were the guests of Miss Belle Million and friend last Tuesday night.

Some worthless rowdy performed Maple Grove school house Friday night by emptying the contents of his obnoxious whisky stomach in it.

Miss Annie Million accompanied by Miss Florence Cobb spent Sunday with her parents.

Preaching at Antioch church next Sunday by Rev. Jesse Caldwell.

Valley View.

M. B. Farran, of Cincinnati, was here Wednesday on business.

M. F. Wharton went to Lexington Friday on a business trip.

Mr. Arnett of Nicholassville, spent a few hours in town Wednesday. He was mistaken for Gov. Bradley by some of our townsmen.

The grand jury of Jessamine county in its recent return submitted indictments against Wm. and J. L. Sowers for violation of local option law in that county. J. L. Sowers was tried in two cases Friday before Judge Scott and found guilty in the first case. He paid guilty in the second case. Wm. Sowers did not appear on account of being seriously sick.

The sad intelligence was received here by wire Friday that Mr. and Mrs. James Lightner of Louisa, Va., had both died Thursday. Mrs. Lightner was a daughter of L. J. Haden, E. L. Haden a brother of the deceased left for Louisa on the night train. It was a shock to the family, especially as he was unexpected. Sympathies are extended the bereaved family.

Drifting away from each other

To that land of love.

No wrong to each, that the world can reach

In that heaven above.

Nothing of doubt or wrong,

Nothing that either can cure.

Nothing to shame, nothing to blame.

Nothing to do but endure.

Only the bereaved ones striving.

Bitterly hard with their fate,

Only a dear one hard.

To live in a perfect state.

Drifting away from each other

To that home above.

Nothing between but the worlds cold

seen.

How sadly we miss her love.

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Portwood.

B. F. Hubbard has the contract for carrying the mail from Portwood to Rice's.

T. T. Roberts, of Portwood, has rented his fine Blue Grass farm to John Miller.

T. T. will leave for Beattyville.

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Kirksville.

Miss Etta Hale has returned from a visit relatives at College Hill.

Miss Addie Burdette, of Lancaster, has been visiting Miss Etta Walker, returned home Monday.

Rev. Mr. Adamson, of Louisville, filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Rev. Wm. Potter went to Mt. Sterling Sunday, to preach for Rev. Mr. Kellar.

Rev. J. W. Bowmar visited friends at this place Sunday.

W. H. Walker left Thursday for Knottsville, Tenn., to accept a position with the George Brown Hardware Co. His many friends wish him success.

Both Died.

About five years ago a young Virginian named Lightner, employed by H. R. Hager, in building the R. N. L. & B upates creek, married a daughter of Jerry J. Haden. They have been living in Virginia. Last week, Mr. Hader received a dispatch announcing that his daughter and son-in-law had died within fifteen minutes of each other. No particulars were given.

It Will Do Good.

Are you constipated? Do you have sick headaches? Is your nervous system, Liver or kidneys out of order? If so, cure yourself by using Wright's Cetia Tea. It improves the complexion. Price 25¢.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TURNPIKE AND GRAVEL ROADS.

TO BE LEFT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. That upon written application, directed to the County Judge of any county in this Commonwealth, asking for a vote in said county upon the proposition to have free turnpike and gravel roads in said county, signed by a number of voters of said county equal to 15 percent of the votes cast at the last preceding general or county election in said county, it shall be the duty of the Judge of the County Court, at the next regular term thereof after receiving said petition, to make an order on his book, directing an election to be held in said county at the next regular or county election in said county that does not occur within sixty days of the date of entering the order, to take the sense of the qualified voters of said county upon the proposition to have free turnpike and gravel roads in said county, which shall direct the Sheriff or other officer of said county to hold an election to be held in the county at the next regular or county election in said county, to be held at the time of the regular election, for the purpose of taking the sense of the qualified voters of said county upon the proposition to have free turnpike and gravel roads in said county.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the County Clerk to give the Sheriff of the county, or such other officer as may be appointed to said election a certified copy of the order, as it appears on the order book within five days after it is made; and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or other officer to have said order published in some weekly or daily paper published in the county for at least thirty days prior to the election, and also to advertise the same by written or printed handbills, posted in at least four conspicuous places in each voting precinct for the same length of time. All elections for this purpose shall be held at the same regular election in November, the same officers that hold the regular elections shall hold this election, which shall, in all respects, be held in accordance with the election laws of this State. The questions "Are you in favor of issuing bonds for the purchase and maintenance of the turnpike roads of this county free of toll to the traveling public?" being printed on the ballot in of the proposition provided herein.

Section 3. At the close of the polls the election officers in each precinct shall count the votes for and against the proposition and make certificates thereof, showing the number of votes cast for the proposition and the number cast against, which certificates, each officer retaining a copy thereof, and all disputed ballots, if any, shall be returned to the County Clerk with the other election returns. The County Clerk shall canvass the returns, at the same time and in the same way as the returns for the regular election are canvassed, and certify immediately upon the completion of the canvass, the result of the election, showing the number of votes cast for and against the proposition and the number cast against, which certificates, each officer retaining a copy thereof, and all disputed ballots, if any, shall be returned to the County Clerk with the other election returns.

Section 4. The County Judge shall not make an order for election until the petitioners pay into court a sufficient amount of money to pay for the order, printing, advertising and other necessary expenses.

Section 5. If it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast for and against the proposition are in favor of said proposition, then the Fiscal Court shall be empowered to carry out the provisions of the law in accordance with the conditions of this act.

Section 6. All turnpike and gravel roads thus acquired or constructed shall be come public roads, and shall be maintained and kept in repair by and through the provisions of this act.

Section 7. The directors of any turnpike or gravel road are hereby authorized and empowered, through their President, to convey to the Fiscal Court purchasing the same title to such road, and when so directed by a number of stockholders representing a majority of all the stock in said road shall make such conveyance.

